



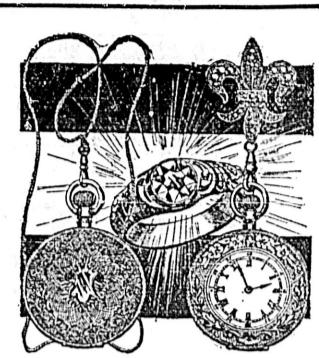
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The Great Metropolis Takes
Holiday and Decorates on
Short Notice.

London, March 8.—The Queen's entry into London, the commencement of her visit to the metropolis, was marked by scenes of enthusiasm unparalleled since the Jubilee. Throughout the demonstrations there predominated a note of triumph, and the cheers that made the streets ring were almost as much in honor of the British victories in South Africa as they were vociferous tributes of a loyal people to a monarch whose womanly sympathy has been strikingly shown since the war began.

The party's departure from Windsor was marked by more than usual interest.

For hours before the Queen ever

started for London, crowds gathered in the streets which had been announced as her route through the metropolis, and which were decorated with flags.

It was foggy and cold, but no one

seemed to care.

At Paddington the railway station had been cleared of the general public, but outside thousands of people waited patiently.

When the train from Windsor arrived at 12:30 a tremendous cheer went up. Her Majesty came down the station platform leaning on the arm of an unbroken line of attendants, and entered an open landau, in which also sat the Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. They all wore black around their necks. The Queen had a sable collarlet.

From the packed sidewalks and from every available window came continuous roars and cheers, while hundreds of little flags were waved all the way to Buckingham Palace.

She proceeded under a heavy cavalry escort to Buckingham Palace. Still nodding, Her Majesty passed out of sight in the quadrangle. Then the Peers and Commons assembled, sang "God Save the Queen," and Her Majesty entered the palace. Over the roadway, which had been kept clear for the carriages, the crowds swarmed until it was impossible for those near the railing to move an inch. Somebody started singing "God Save the Queen," and half a mile or less of people took up the strain. In response to this the Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York reappeared on the balcony, and this caused more enthusiasm.

The people, however, wanted another sight of the Queen, and it was over half an hour before the crowd dispersed.

Those who saw the Queen unveiled said she looked remarkably well. The journey from Windsor and the long ride through the deafening crowd exposed to the keen east wind, was a trying experience, yet in spite of her age, the Queen apparently did not suffer any great fatigue.

The whole metropolis assumed a gala aspect as the day passed. The bands of people wore red, white and blue badges and flags, while a body of students, who had marched to meet the Queen singing "Rule Britannia," had Union Jacks wrapped around their necks. Buttons and medals of Generals, Rectors, Kitchen, Buller and White and others found a huge sale, and khaki ties and dresses were everywhere in evidence.

The Queen visited the city this afternoon, reaching its confines at about 4 o'clock. Her Majesty was welcomed by the Lord Mayors and corporation in their robes of state. The route was thronged with people, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed everywhere.

A quaint ceremony occurred when the Queen's carriage stopped at the Temple steps. The Lord Mayor, Mr. A. N. Newton, solemnly handed Her Majesty the sword of state.

With a smile the Queen touched it and returned it to the chief executive, saying, "Thank you for all that my city has done."

To this the Mayor replied: "Your Gracious Majesty's words will forever be treasured in my heart."

Then the Life Guards trotted and the Queen drove quickly along the embankment, filled with the cheering people. Accompanying Her Majesty were the Princesses Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Henry of Battenberg. The streets of the great city were everywhere thronged, but so quickly were the horses driven that the crowds scarcely had a chance to cheer before the constantly bowing monarch had passed out of sight.

By 5 o'clock the Queen, going by way of Holborn and Oxford street, had returned to Buckingham Palace. The drive had been so hastily planned that no organized attempts at decoration had been carried out, but for the short space of time it was astonishing to see the number of flags which appeared along the route followed by Her Majesty. Many American flags were displayed by American concerns and Americans on the street.

The depth of feeling which these demonstrations represented could only be gauged by those who mingled with the crowds. Mothers in deep mourning for sons killed on the field of battle, struggled bravely with the noisy hilarions to catch a glimpse of the Queen, whose womanly sympathies and thoughtfulness for her soldiers had touched their hearts. Often the long, cold vigil was rendered futile by tears which dimmed the eyes and blurred the vision of the royal carriage as it passed along. As one very old woman said: "I've seen her many a time but she said she was sorry for my boy and I must see her again before I die."

Thousands braved the raw east wind and stood for hours waiting patient, who have often seen the Queen, and who in ordinary circumstances would scarcely have endured the hardships to watch her pass.

In their advanced position the Boers raked the streets and the market squares. It is impossible to dodge their bullets. We have taken remarkable precautions, however, and the casualties, though heavy, are not what they might have been had less able men been at the head of affairs. Even the headquarters' mess fares scantly.

The garrison is so small that it would be criminal to make its weakness public, but there is never so much as a whisper. If no one has suggested the possibility of surrender it is because we do not mean to get beaten, and we are cheerfully enduring hardships of to-day rather than make surrender in any degree possible to-morrow.

outside Buckingham Palace. In short it was not so much a desire to see the monarch, as it was an overwhelming need of an outlet for jubilation over the war, a natural inclination to let the Queen see and share the gladness of the people, that prompted London to make to-day one of the memorable celebrations of Victoria's reign.

It was quite different from the mad rejoicings that marked the relief of Lady-smith.

Rowdism was absent, although the crowds reached such proportions that the members of police who have been quite inadequate had the people been obtrusive.

Moreover, intermingled with the rejoicings of patriotism there was a particularly keen appreciation of the Queen's personalities, her womanliness, great age and closeness to the poorest of her subjects. This little touch of reverence for sex rather than sovereignty rendered the huge crowds perfectly tractable in the hands of the good-natured police, and it was not a hard matter to induce them to surge back and make way for the Queen's carriage.

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Boer Overtures For Peace.

Suggestion Made by Sorry Republics But Declined by British.

Impossible Now to Consider Terms Acceptable Before the War.

London, March 9.—The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday, and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct, that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day.

"Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result.

"Terms which might have been gladly suggested and accepted before the war, in order to avoid it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

JOLLIED BY KRUGER.

Defused Burghers Inspired to Further Sacrifice by Fervid Assurances of Divine Assistance.

MR. MACDONELL'S SCHEME.
Story That He Prevails Upon Ottawa to Countenance Mr. Martin's Elevation.

Vancouver, March 8.—It is not likely that the Deadman's island question will be an issue in the forthcoming campaign, for according to the plans of Joseph Martin and D. G. Macdonell the mill will be half constructed on Deadman's island before election day comes round. It is reported that last night Mr. Macdonell received an important communication from Ottawa intimating that Mr. Martin would not be opposed from that quarter. The telegram changed Mr. Macdonell's attitude entirely, and to raise Mr. Martin's stock in Vancouver with the so-called Deadman's island party here, Mr. Macdonell conceived a plan by which the island is to be handed over to his client, Mr. Ludgate, at an early date. Mr. Macdonell left for Seattle this morning to put his scheme in operation. He will see Ludgate and so change the lease given to Ludgate by the Dominion government, by inserting anti-Mongolian clauses, etc., as to satisfy all those in Vancouver opposed to the case on such grounds. He will then proceed direct to Ottawa (it is said he knows before-hand the result of his mission) and get the consent of the Dominion government to the change in the lease. On his return Mr. Martin will be in close touch with Mr. Martin, whom he has admitted, and is credited with declining to enter Mr. Martin's cabinet on the ground that, for him, there was more money in law than politics.

A COURAGEOUS PREMIER.
Hugh John Macdonald Will Have New Election Unless His Colleague Returns a Seat.

Kruger Himself Present When the Burgers Fled Before Roberts' Advance.

Cavalry Unable to Charge at Outset But Now in Vigorous Pursuit.

Poplar Grove, Thursday, March 8.—President Kruger, who at present is far in the rear, yesterday tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay. The Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free States, but they declared they were not willing to fight any longer and they blamed President Steyn.

Fighting is proceeding at Mafeking. All the outside forts except one have been taken by the Boers.

Such satisfaction is expressed at the courtesies extended to Gen. Cronje by the British.

QUEEN AND LADY BULLER.

Wife of Grim Old General First to Receive Her Majesty's Attention—Incidents of Royal Visit.

London, March 8.—The scene to-day in the quadrangle of the Palace upon the Queen's arrival from Windsor, when the Lords and Commons joined in singing the national anthem, was unprecedented. After bowing acknowledgment of the official greeting, the Queen quickly turned to Lady Buller with a grateful smile. Then, in the presence of the legislators of the United Kingdom, drawing the wife of the ruler of Ladysmith closer to her, she whispered words of thanksgiving.

After scarcely two hours of rest, the Queen made a tour of the City proper, amid the greatest excitement and enthusiasm. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the crowds through which she passed before returning to Buckingham Palace, but the numbers were well up in the hundreds of thousands.

In response to a message from the Lord Mayor this evening, Sir Arthur Bigge, the Queen's private secretary, wrote: "Her Majesty is not fatigued, and she is much gratified and touched by the loyal and enthusiastic reception accorded her throughout this afternoon."

As the evening advanced the crowds increased. Red fire was burned and the whole concourse took up "God Save the Queen." Then came blue lights and strains of "Rule Britannia," and then the crowd broke up with a demonstration such as has not been seen in London in many years.

BOERS GOING HUNGRY.

Deficiencies in the Food Supply Helping to Turn Burghers Homeward.

London, March 9.—Mr. Hallawell, the correspondent for the Daily News at Mafeking, who passed two months in prison in Pretoria, but escaped last week and was recaptured sixty miles from Pretoria, sends a despatch to his paper, dated Pretoria, Gaol, March 2, via Lorenzo Marques, describing the misleading news given the Boers by their officials regarding the course of the war. He adds that great dissatisfaction exists among the Boers, as their supplies of food, coffee, meat and sugar are very irregular, and many threaten to return home.

NATURAL GAS.

Port Arthur, March 8.—Natural gas has been found to exist here. American capitalists have become interested and will at once organize a company to operate a plant.

COAL DEALER.

Halifax, March 8.—The Dominion Coal Company has advanced the price of bituminous coal at the mines forty cents a ton.

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PAUNCEFOTE'S SERVICES.
British Premier Pays Glowing Tribute to the Ambassador at Washington.

London, March 8.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Newton advocated the retention of Lord Pauncefote as British ambassador at Washington and asked whether in view of the valuable services of Lord Pauncefote, the advisability of prolonging his tenure of office would not be considered, adding: "The task of maintaining our relations on their present happy footing is not likely to prove less difficult in the immediate future. In addition to the questions of great delicacy now pending we have to look forward to the presidential election which is productive of eccentricities unknown in less enterprising countries." He thought the present moment was not a happy one for change.

Lord Salisbury said Lord Newton had done what the French called "breaking in an open door," for the measure which he recommended had been taken some days ago. The Premier added: "I entirely agree with any emoji passed on Lord Pauncefote, and I have shown this in the course taken in extending his tenure of office. The only observation which I have to make is that the question implies that this extension is a reward for valuable services. I think it is rather the other way. It is to Lord Pauncefote that we have to express our thanks that he has been kind enough to undertake the work for another period. We have every cause to express to Lord Pauncefote our gratitude at an critical time and when his remarkable experience and singular aptitude for the peculiar duties of his office render it desirable that he should continue in it as he has consented to do."

Lord Kimberley, the Liberal leader in the House of Lords, associated himself with the emoji passed upon Lord Pauncefote. Under his instructions, Gen. Otis will promptly send to San Francisco one battalion each of the 14th, 18th and 23rd regiments of infantry. The decision to begin the withdrawal of troops was reached before Secretary Root started for Havana last week.

The latest reports from Otis indicate that the occasion for maintaining so large a force in the islands had permanently passed, but most of the Tagals had returned to their homes disgusted with the rebellion, and that they were not likely to be induced again by promises or threats to take up arms against the Americans.

REDUCING THE ARMY.
No Necessity for Maintaining So Large a Force in the Philippines.

New York, March 8.—The first orders for the withdrawal of regulars from the Philippines have been sent to Gen. Otis, and the home-coming of such troops as he can spare will begin in a few days, says a Washington despatch to the Tribune.

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VILLE MARIE FRAUDS.

Trial of Indicted Bank Officials Fixed for Next Week.

Montreal, March 8.—At the court of Queen's Bench to-day, James Baxter and Ferdinand Lemieux, arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to rob the Ville Marie bank of \$400,000, pleaded guilty. Baxter also pleaded not guilty to a charge of aiding Herbert to escape arrest, and Lemieux to the charge of having robbed the bank of \$173,000, pleaded not guilty. To the charges of conspiracy Lemieux and Fellows pleaded not guilty. The trials are fixed for next week.

GOOD FOR TWENTY YEARS.
Government Official's Opinion of the Life of Yukon Mining.

Montreal, March 8.—At the meeting of the Canadian Mining Association this morning J. B. Tyrell, the well-known government engineer, who has been through the Yukon Territory, gave an interesting address on his impressions of that country. He declared the gold district would last for twenty years, and said he thought the government would soon abolish the royalty, which at present causes friction among miners.

PAY ON GRAND TRUNK.

Ten Cent Advance to Section Men Extended to the Branch Lines.

Montreal, March 8.—The Grand Trunk management have agreed to advance the wages of all their section men in Canada ten cents per day. It will be remembered that the section men struck last July for an advance of 25 cents per day, but the company, after a bitter struggle, in which members of parliament figured prominently, agreed to grant the advance to section men on the main line only ten cents.

This caused dissatisfaction among the branch line section men, who protested with the above result.

LOCATED IN HOSPITAL.

Reassuring News of the Canadians Who Dropped Out on the March.

Ottawa, March 8.—Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, has cabled Lord Minto that Private Corbould, of New Westminster, along with the other members of the first Canadian contingent who were reported as having been captured by Boers at Waadreval Drift, by a special correspondent of a Montreal paper with that contingent, have been located in one of the field hospitals.

THE CABLE'S PERIL.

Australian Deal With Eastern Extension Company Subject of Question in Commons.

London, March 8.—Sir Edward Carson, Liberal-Unionist member for Hythe, will ask in the house to-morrow whether the government has acquiesced in the matter of concessions about to be granted to the Eastern Telegraph Co. by Australia, which he claims are in the opinion of Canada likely to lead to the abandonment of the Pacific cable scheme. It not, Sir Edward will further ask if the government is endeavoring to induce Australia to renounce the intention of infringing the terms of the Pacific cable scheme.

PRETORIA DOES VALIANTLY.

Describes Boer Retreat From Cape Colony as British Repulse With Great Loss.

London, Tuesday, March 6.—(Via Lorenzo Marques)—It is officially stated here that on Sunday last there was heavy fighting at Dordrecht, and the British were repulsed with great loss of life, and that the Federals captured the other.

They were in the rear of the British.

CHINESE EMPEROR ON VIEW.

Permitted to Be Present at Dowager Empress' Reception of Foreign Ministers.

Peking, March 8.—The Dowager Empress to-day received in audience the wives of the foreign ministers. Both the Emperor and the new heir-apparent to the throne were present. The ceremony was similar to those of last year.

SUED BY HIS TRAINER.

New York, March 8.—Ernest Rodger, who was for some time trainer and boxing partner for Bob Fitzsimmons, the ex-champion heavyweight pugilist, has brought suit in the supreme court to recover \$1,750, which he claims to be due him for services.

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UNREASONABLE DELAY.

Mr. Martin has now had eight full days in which to form a cabinet and he has not succeeded in doing so. He was able to secure the co-operation of two gentlemen, one of them being his brother-in-law, we understand, on the first day, but has made no progress since. We may be excused for declining to think that the readiness of his brother-in-law to take office under him is a sign of political strength, and if Mr. Yates is to be regarded as representative of the political sentiments of any considerable number of the people by whom he is best known, there is no evidence available to that effect. Indeed, Mr. Martin stands practically alone, for his colleagues weaken rather than strengthen him in seeking other members of a cabinet. Such a combination as Martin, Curtis and Yates is a case of "Eclipse first and the rest nowhere," and it will be exceedingly difficult, we imagine, for Mr. Martin to get other gentlemen to associate with him, when he has already impliedly made it understood that he is to be the government.

But the public at present do not appear so much concerned with Mr. Martin's failure to form a cabinet as with the extraordinary latitude in point of time which the Lieutenant-Governor is allowing him. That a premier must be given some time to secure colleagues will be readily conceded. Mr. Beaven was given five days, which was not unreasonable, but was certainly very close to the limit. The fact that he did not ask for any further delay shows that in the opinion of one of the most experienced parliamentarians in the province five days was all that he could reasonably claim. There is no law governing these matters, but usage settles the rule, and we think it will be difficult to cite any precedent for the latitude allowed Mr. Martin. We have not searched the precedents, and speak only from a general knowledge of the subject.

Under normal conditions the delay would be unreasonable, and the abnormal conditions existing in this province render it still more so. Conditions are abnormal here because, among other things, the house has been prorogued without passing supply. This very rarely happens in any country. If Mr. Turner had been called on after Mr. Semlin's defeat, he would probably have asked the house to vote supply and the request would have been acceded to, at least to an amount sufficient to meet the necessary demands of the public service until elections could be held and the house called together in early session. There are plenty of precedents for this course. Cases can also be cited where the house has granted a defeated government supply sufficient to last over a general election. Mr. Martin did not ask for any such vote. Doubtless he knew that if he did he would not have received it, and hence the house rose without any appropriations being made. In consequence of this there is no money available for the public service after June 30, except for such matters as come within the scope of emergency expenditures, which can be made under the Lieutenant-Governor's warrant. But as is very well understood the government has already come face to face with an empty treasury, and nearly four months of the fiscal year yet remain to be provided for. This means that large outlays of public money must be made by the Lieutenant-Governor's warrant issued upon the advice of a minister, who had no following in the last house and who cannot by any possibility be endorsed by the people for a very considerable time to come, and is almost absolutely certain to be rejected. If the elections are not held until after the May revision, the house cannot meet until a very considerable time after the close of the fiscal year, and for nearly six months on special warrants. This condition of things is certainly abnormal.

Under such circumstances there is no occasion for surprise at the unceasiness existing because of the long time allowed Mr. Martin by the Lieutenant-Governor, and we do not state the case at all too strongly when we say that public feeling is being roused to an unusual degree because of it. Protests of a very serious kind are likely to be heard if the present condition of things is allowed to continue for any length of time.

NEW TRANCONTINENTAL LINE

The statement is made that Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have completed their arrangements for a line of railway from Edmonton to Port Simpson, and that this is to form part of a new transcontinental railway. This may be a little premature, but we think it can not be very far wrong. That this firm has had such a line in contemplation has been well known; that they were considering the ways and means of financing it has been understood; so the only new thing in the latest report is that the arrangements have been perfected which will secure the early completion of the enterprise. It is said that the enterprise contemplates a line to the Yukon. This is probable, but we suppose the line to the Coast will be first built.

The great success which has attended the operations of this powerful firm heretofore is a guarantee that what they undertake will be carried through. In this respect their reputation is like that of Mr. J. J. Hill of the Great Northern. It has been said of him that his success with his earlier projects was such that when he asked the money kings of Europe for money for a transcontinental connection he got it at once. That nothing succeeds like success is a true of railway building as of anything else.

No argument is necessary to show that the railway referred to will be of very great importance to British Columbia. Its effect will indeed be profound. One of the first results will be the building up of a town at its western terminus, which cannot fail to be a leading centre of business and population. It is not very easy to realize just what this will mean to the whole of Western British Columbia. Suppose the new terminal city has a population of 20,000 people, and then endeavor to decide what this will mean commercially and every other way. Where will the merchants buy their goods? Where will the farm products come from? Consider what it will mean to have a line of railway reaching across the province, not through "a sea of mountains," but a region of fine lakes and rivers with many hundreds of thousands of acres of land fit for cultivation and many more adapted for pasture, while in the neighborhood are hydraulic mines and metalliferous deposits, to which branch lines would be extended. Give the imagination rein and let it picture just what this implies.

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See Augie and her lions Saturday afternoon and evening. Philharmonic hall.

Patriotic Fund.—The Icelanders of the city have contributed \$16.25 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, bringing the amount at the city hall to \$217.30. In the list previously published J. Lomer, \$5, should have read J. Sommer, \$5, and A. Gisbon, \$1, should have read A. Gibson, \$1.

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Sale work this p.m. at Y. W. C. A. *

Bates-Berryman.—At St. John's church on Wednesday evening Mr. Jas. Bates, with Ames Holden & Co., and Miss Lily Berryman, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berryman, of Pandora avenue, were united in marriage by Rev. Percival Jenms. The bride was attended by Miss Lily Laurie as bridesmaid, and the Misses May and Edith Renfrew, her cousins, as maids of honor. Mr. Fred Morris supported the groom. After the ceremony the party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, which was prettily decorated for the occasion, and partook of a wedding repast. They were the recipients of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Bates will make their home on Toronto street, James Bay.

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Donations Acknowledged.—The following donations have been received at the Home for Aged and Infirm Women: Mayor Hayward, cord of wood; Rugby Football Team, cake and jelly; Mrs. Beckford, stockings; Christ Church cathedral Dames Society, pillow-slips and flannel skirts; Mrs. Goodare, cake and biscuits; tea and sugar, Y.W.C.A.; doz. pillow slips and cake; Clergy Church cathedral; Willing Workers, cake and sandwiches; Mrs. Durham, cake, jacket and handkerchiefs; Miss Shannon, cake, curtains and table cover; Mrs. Hamilton, magazines; Mrs. Goodare, table cloths; Mrs. Wm. Grant, carpet; Weiler Bros., furnishings; Mrs. Burns, toilet set; Mrs. McLennan, Salt Spring Island, preserves and vegetables.

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The Political Situation.

Where Will Premier Martin Get Support in the Coming Contest.

Mr. Yates Said to Regret His Action in Joining Mr. Martin's Ministry.

With the Conservatives and Liberals ranged against him, where does Premier Martin expect to get support in the coming contest? is a question which hundreds asked yesterday, but which none were able to answer, and still the central figure in the situation goes coolly along giving no explanation and to outward appearance being confident that he will succeed in forming a government. Of those who have already joined him, one at least, Hon. J. S. Yates is said to regret the step he took, for in doing so he has lost the support of many who under other circumstances would have gladly assisted him in his ambition for political preferment. As one of his former supporters said yesterday: "We looked upon Mr. Yates as one of the cornerstones, and if you have been less important he might in time have become a member of a government which it would have been a distinction to belong to."

As to the situation there has been no change. Mr. Martin has promised to shortly issue a manifesto and Mr. Kellie has replied to the Premier's explanation of the agreement respecting the redistribution bill. Mr. Kellie's reply follows:

To the Editor: The explanation of Hon. Joseph Martin, which appeared in the morning paper, in reply to my letter yesterday is not only unsatisfactory but is also thoroughly inconsistent, and indicates the entire of this impudent politician. On the 13th day of February last Hon. Joseph Martin introduced the following resolution in the legislative assembly:

"Whereas the government has an extremely narrow majority (of any), and may at any time meet defeat, and the result of such defeat may mean a general election; and whereas the party which the present government purports to represent took strong ground when in opposition against the present unfair distribution of seats; therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of this house, a measure giving a fair and equitable redistribution of seats should be brought down by the government before any other business is attempted, and the failure of the government to take this course is much against the public interest."

Either he meant what he said or he did not. Either the motion was intended to make political capital at the impending election, or he was in favor of a redistribution bill to appeal to the country to. To make the position clear, I will quote his remarks in speaking to the above motion from the Colonist report of the debates:

"In fact, he admitted, he had stated that he was prepared to vote for a measure of redistribution that the government might present to the house. He at that time meant that he did not intend his support to be in any way flimsy. He was quite willing to subordinate his views as to what was fair to the views of the majority. His object in this respect was thoroughly carried out, and he did not propose to escape from it."

Here is a distinct pledge given to support practically any measure of redistribution that the government might present to the house. Referring again to Mr. Martin's explanation, given by the Colonist of this morning, I beg to say that neither myself or Mr. Kidd (I refer to Mr. Kidd for corroboration of my statement) was aware that Mr. Martin would vote against the second reading of the redistribution bill until his hand was raised to defeat the measure. I may also say that I did not inform Mr. Martin that I could not secure the change in the Nanaimo seats.

The agreement was entered into with Mr. Martin, myself and Mr. Kidd, and not with the Colonist. Hon. Mr. Martin has explained as he proposed to do on the second reading that he would introduce an amendment in committee to make the change suggested in the Nanaimo seats, and if the change was not made, that he would then vote to kill the bill, his course would have been honorable, and no pledge would have been violated. Having taken the opposite course the odium of breaking the contract must remain with him.

When the agreement was entered into the proposition was to see the bill into committee, after which if the bill was not amended to exclude the Alexandra mine in South Nanaimo, then the agreement (see one) was to be declared off. Considering Mr. Martin's motion and his subsequent remarks on the motion, there was only one honorable course for him to pursue, and that was to support any measure of redistribution that was an improvement on the present one. Any man who enters into an agreement with other parties cannot consistently break a contract without the consent of all parties. In conclusion, I will leave the matter with Mr. Martin, his conscience if he has one, and the country.

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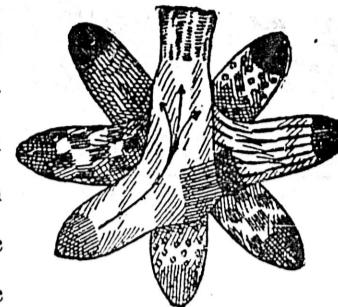
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Dominion Hotel Again Enlarging

Proprietor Steve Jones Decides Upon the Completion of His Block.

New Building to Afforded Un-surpassed Accommodation for Its Guests

Once again the order has been given to the contractors by Proprietor Stephen Jones of the Dominion—"give me more room," and in the course of the next day or so ground will be broken for still another extension of this big and popular hotel, not to meet any anticipated "rush," but to accommodate an existent and steadily developing trade. The contract has been signed with Mr. James Baker, and the new wing, which will complete the main building into a perfect square, will according to calculations be finished and furnished prior to the 24th of May, at a total cost of about \$15,000. Mr. E. C. Howell, under whose supervision the stately pile of British Columbia's parliament buildings rose to completion, is the designer of the new Dominion block, while Architect A. Maxwell Muir is to oversee the work during its progress.

Mr. Jones is (and has a right to be) proud of his success in his chosen calling. It is exceedingly doubtful if any American hotel has made a greater success of his business, not through "luck" but by intelligent study of the wants of the travelling public, enterprise, and strict attention to his own interests. The Dominion has grown and developed phenomenally, but he has made it so. In 1876, when the Dominion was originally established by the late Mr. Stephen Jones, it was a very humble, impetuous structure with accommodations for perhaps fifteen guests. An addition was put up a few years later which gave in the neighborhood of 35 rooms all told. When Mr. Jones, the son, took charge of the house in May, 1889, it was with a frame building, neither pretentious nor very comfortable, capable of sheltering 35 or 40 guests.

This did not suit his ideas of what a Victoria hotel should be, and in the following August, 1890, he had ground broken for the original brick structure, at that time one of the largest and most complete hotels in the city. But times changed rapidly, and Mr. Jones is not the man to see his own affairs stand still while the city moves. In the decade following there were three chapters of reconstruction, and after each a growth of solid trade justified the conclusions upon which enlargement had been undertaken. The removal of the old frame annex, for the present addition, marks the complete disappearance of the original premises, and the perfection of the new Dominion—an all brick, fire-proof structure of four flats, 65 feet in length with a width of 42, and perfect in the modernity of its equipment and appointments.

When the present reconstruction is complete there will be, on the ground floor, a handsome central court 40 feet long and 16 in width, cement floored, and finished with a pretty fountain, rustic seats and a profusion of palms, climbing vines and flowering plants—an ideal lounging place on summer's day—and communicating directly with the roomy and well equipped main office. The kitchen will have a floor area of 22 by 30 feet, with two immense ranges and plenty of working room for a staff of ten. Attached to the kitchen will be a bakery provided with an oven of the modern up-to-date type, while the large dining hall—reached through the pantry—will offer ideal facilities for large banquets, as well as for the ordinary dinners of guests.

Down on the basement floor, with an area of 2,600 square feet, will be installed an immense steam-heating plant on the single-tube system; as well as ample storeroom accommodation, with both dry and refrigerating chambers.

Prominent features of the upper, or guests' rooms floors, are to be three large and handsome main stairway landings, and the circular promenade hall, six feet in width, extending completely round the large building. By it—and the alternate staircases—absolute immunity from fire danger is secured; although to make assurance doubly sure, a fire alarm system is installed as well.

The completion of the new section of the house will make the Dominion one perfect block, with a gain of some 30 guest rooms, and the enlargement of others, to give a total of 100 apartments, every one an outside room, well lighted and well ventilated. The present design is not so much to increase the number of rooms as to improve their quality, and make every guest chamber in the house thoroughly suited

International Basketball.

James Bays to Play Seattle At the Drill Hall Tomorrow.

Another Race Added to the Programme for the Hunt Club Meeting.

THEATRICAL.

"A Contented Woman," with Miss Bella Archer in the title role, returned to the Victoria last night, and despite the fact that the beautiful star manifested a decided disposition to walk through her work, the play on the whole pleased the crowded house. It is just possible that being wondrous fair is not the best thing in the world for Miss Archer; she knows that she commands unstinted admiration by her pretty, plump face; her form; her art in dressing; and she is therefore just a little bit inclined to bank upon her beauty and give the public what it is really not the best of which she is capable. Of course this is Her Majesty's privilege—she certainly is worthy of better things if she so wills.

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THE TURF. Another Race.

At a recent meeting of the committee of the Victoria Hunt Club it was decided to add an additional race to the programme for the spring meeting to be called "The Victoria Sweepstakes," for a cup provided by the club. The conditions are: A flat race of about one mile, for horses the bona fide property at the time of entry of members of the V.H.C. Any member of the club entitled to ride, weight 140 lbs. Entrance fee \$10; entrance fees to go to the winner. Four starters or the race declared void. Entry, which closes at midnight on April 1, to be made to the secretary Victoria Hunt Club, Work Point Barracks.

WHIST. Club Tournament.

In the whist tournament at the J. B. A. A. club last evening A. McLean and A. J. Dallain won the first and second prizes respectively.

ATHLETICS. The Drill Hall Classes.

Last night an interesting scene was presented at the Drill hall, where from one end to the other classes could be seen exercising. The squad at sword drill is well advanced, and very soon the citizens will have an opportunity to witness the Italian system of fencing as taught by Instructor Thompson, R. The boxing class is going well and Prof. Ferranti highly satisfied with his class, predicting that in the near future it will produce some expert boxers. The wrestling, under Gr. Peden, is developing splendidly, and always draws a crowd of interested spectators. The number of ladies present in the gallery attests the great interest that it taken by the fair sex in the gallant Fifth regiment.

LAWN TENNIS.

A Forced Adjournment.

In consequence of the non quorum of the members being secured yesterday evening, an adjournment before the annual meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club was recorded. It is hoped that a larger number of the members will be on hand at the new date set for re-organization—on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in the smoking room of the Victoria Cafe.

HONOLULU'S PLAGUE.

But One Death in the Latest Report and Situation Improving.

San Francisco, March 8.—Mail advices from Honolulu dated February 27 say that the plague situation is much improved. But one case has developed since previous advices, a Chinaman. His body was cremated. At Hiro no new cases have been found.

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THE INTERIOR INDIGNANT.

Press Unanimous in Condemning the Recent Turn in Political Affairs.

The following quotations from the press of Kootenay and Boundary should no doubt reflect popular opinion there:

Nelson Tribune.

The Tribune voices public sentiment in this section of Kootenay in declaring that "Joe" Martin is not wanted as a member of any government in British Columbia. He is selfish, vindictive, mercenary, heartless, and, above all, a turncoat. No such man should have a place in public life in this province.

Kamloops Sentinel.

The unanimous vote of want of confidence in the new Lieutenant Governor that Joseph Martin has hitherto not followed in his steps. He has so well succeeded in estranging his former colleagues and supporters in the house that no one could be found willing to raise a voice on his behalf. What next the Lieutenant-Governor will see fit to do, is beyond conjecture, but the only solution of the difficulty appears to be an appeal to the country.

Greenwood Miner.

Certainly it cannot be said that Joseph Martin represents any important following in the house or in the country. However, the Lieutenant-Governor has a theory of his own, and has evidently decided to make precedents where they do not exist. At the time of writing, it is not known whether Martin will be able to form a ministry or not. . . . In any event, it means kicking up an awful row in the province, for a month or two, and adding to the suspense which already exists. The situation is the most remarkable and inexplicable ever known in this, or, possibly, any other province in the Dominion.

Rossland Miner.

What the outcome of the elections is going to be is a rather difficult question to determine, under present conditions, Mr. Martin is certainly not the recognized leader of the Liberal party in the province. In fact, he is regarded by many of them, and especially those who hold to federal party lines, as an enemy within the camp, if, indeed, he can be regarded as with the camp at all. It may be difficult, therefore, for him to draw any very substantial support from this quarter, and yet it is hard to see where he is going to get his support, unless he gets it here. He can hardly expect that the straight Conservative element will lend him aid, and he must anticipate the strongest hostility from the members and supporters of the late government.

Rossland Record.

The game of the tricksters is played out, and the people are to have an opportunity to pass judgment on the legislature which has cursed the province with bad laws and blocked the passage of good laws, during the last year and a half.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

From the Greenwood Times.

Attention is drawn by the Victoria Colonist to the value of the precedent established last week by the legislature when it protested against the action of the Lieutenant-Governor and declared that it had been treated with scant courtesy by His Honor. This is as it should be. The legislature has a right to be jealous of its prerogatives. If it allows the Lieutenant-Governor to assume its functions, there will soon be an end to responsible government.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 8-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer remains low over Northern British Columbia, while in the Canadian Territories and California it has risen considerably. These conditions may cause more unsettled weather in this vicinity by Saturday. Showers have been general along the coast from California northward. From the Rockies to Manitoba the weather is fine, with temperatures below zero.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min. Max.
Victoria	43 48
New Westminster	36 48
Kamloops	24 48
Barkerly	12 24
Calgary	-10 -4
Winnipeg	-10 10
Portland, Ore.	44 54
San Francisco	54 60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Winds mostly west and south; partly cloudy and mild, with occasional showers.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds; unsettled, with occasional rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 8.

Deg. 44 Mean. 45
5 a.m. 46 Highest. 48
5 p.m. 47 Lowest. 43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 24 miles west.

Noon. 14 miles west.

5 p.m. 8 miles west.

Average state of weather—Cloudy, with showers.

Rain—14 inch.

Sunshine—0 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed. 29.834

Corrected. 29.851

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected. 29.04

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

G. H. Lyptick.	J. B. Merville.
A. H. B. Ferguson.	N. B. B. Merville.
Mrs. MacGowan.	S. Moore.
Mrs. Finn.	A. Mountford.
E. A. Oak.	Belle Archer.
Miss Gasch.	Henrietta Moore.
D. G. Clark.	Angela de Forrest.
Mrs. Kirk.	Eliza Logan.
J. J. McKenna.	Minnie Weier.
J. D. Thagard.	Cora Pryor.
H. Shantert.	Bonnie Lester.
J. H. Shantert.	Fannie Cook.
Miss Dickenson.	Sophie Gorrie.
J. Cotes.	A. W. Gregory.
J. McHenry.	C. P. Morrison.
C. F. B. Chapman.	A. T. Buchanan.
H. C. Malpas.	J. L. Kenney.
Tom McHenry.	Ed. Craven.
W. Van Sickle.	C. E. Whilby.
Mrs. C. Rowland.	C. Connolly.
Master Rowland.	W. F. Grange.
Mrs. Grange.	C. F. Newell.
Miss Conway.	P. J. Aldred.
C. Weleb.	L. Brown.
Mrs. Bye.	W. A. Stratton.
T. Morgan.	Mrs. Grimes.
E. Jones.	Miss Jones.
R. Musgrave.	P. McGanigan.

CONSIGNEES.

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Weller Bros.	E. G. Prior & Co.
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Lenz & Leiser.	T. B. & Co.
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J. Barnesley.	D. Spencer.
Okell & M.	D. K. Charnier.
McMillan Bros.	F. R. Stewart & Co.
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L. Goodacre.	

Women with pale, colorless faces, who feel weak and discouraged, will receive both mental and bodily vigor by using Carter's Iron Pills, which are made for the blood, nerves and complexion.

THE MARTIN PLATFORM.

Out of the chaos which at present broods over the face of the political puzzle at Victoria, one feature is gradually evolving into something like clearness. It is becoming obvious that Mr. Martin is going to contest this coming election as the professed leader of a Liberal provincial party. In this capacity the Herald is free to confess that it considers that his chance of getting a majority in the coming contest is very slim. As an avowed labor leader with a strong democratic and socialist platform, Mr. Martin might prove a dangerous opponent. But merely as a Grit partisan leader with a bunch of old-fashioned Grits hanging on to his coat tails, he is very little to be feared. He cannot possibly hope to control the whole Liberal vote in the province. The Conservatives will be quite willing to pick up the challenge which he has thrown down against them. The labor vote will be split up by the hoisting of the Grit standard and quite as likely to rally round Mr. Carter as the provincial party, which contains some notable labor leaders, as to be attracted by Mr. Martin's programme, which presents unmistakable traces of the influence of fine old crusty Whigerry in certain of its clauses.—*Revelstoke Herald.*

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Upon in the Framing of
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North—Lumber Tonnage
Yet Scarce.

In connection with the owners and operators of the White Pass & Yukon route and the upper Yukon transportation service of the Canadian Development Company, the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company has issued the following circular letter, whereby the reduced traffic rates for through business to the North (referred to yesterday) are brought into force. The tariff, it will be noted, affects a general reduction of rates over those of last year, ranging from 40 to 60 per cent., and with an elimination of the old system of weight and measurement ship's option, the rates now quoted being absolutely fixed on a weight basis with a liberal allowance for displacement. If goods are carefully packed and prepared for transit there seems to be no reason why all classes of general merchandise should not secure the flat-weight rate. The circular letter referred to reads:

"The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, Limited, having completed arrangements covering the lines of the company mentioned above (the White Pass route and the C. D. Co.'s lines) desirous to place before shippers their new through freight tariff, effective on the opening of Yukon navigation for the season of 1900, and applying on all ordinary articles of commerce and live stock moving from British Columbia ports to Dawson and up the Yukon river points, to the itself as below:

"Shipments of five tons or under: Through rate, \$145 per ton weight—provided the total measurement of each shipment does not exceed an allowance of 55 cubic feet to each 2,000 lbs. weight; all excess measurements over such allowance to be charged for in addition to the through rate at a rate of \$1 per cubic foot.

"Shipments of over five tons: Through rate, \$125 per ton weight—provided the total measurement of each shipment does not exceed an allowance of 55 cubic feet to each 2,000 lbs. weight, all excess measurement over such allowance to be charged for in addition to the through rate, at the rate of \$1 per cubic foot.

"Cattle and horses, in lots of not less than fourteen head, \$85 per head.

"Shipments under this tariff will be carried subject to the conditions of the company's regular bill of lading, and will also be subject to the following general conditions:

"Single articles of freight weighing over 2,000 lbs., or timbers over 35 feet in length, will be carried only under special arrangement;

"Powder and high explosives, calcium carbide, acids, gasoline, and naphtha, will be carried only under special engagement;

"On all freight of a perishable nature charges must be prepaid in full;

"On and after August 20, 1900, shipments will only be accepted at owners' risk of delivery during 1900, and the carriers must be fully released by all parties in interest from all claims and liability arising out of or occasioned by non-delivery during 1900."

Of the parties to the foregoing tariff agreement, the C.P.N. Co. will this season operate on the northern route, the steamers Amur, Tees and Danube; the White Pass and Yukon route, being into the hands of the Pacific & Arctic Railway and Navigation Company, the British Yukon Railway Company, and the White Pass & Yukon railway, operating the White Pass & Yukon rail road between Skagway, Alaska, and White Horse, Y.T.; the Canadian Development Company, third party to the contract, is to operate this year the six first-class steamers, Columbian, Canadian, Victorian, Australian, Baile and Anglian.

COAL FIELDS OF KLONDIKE.

Moderately Priced Fuel Soon to Be Available in the Home of the Frost King.

It was 3 o'clock yesterday morning when the unmistakable whistle of the Cottage City took a sleepy little group of customs, press and hotel people out of the outer dock, the Pacific Coast Co.'s liner being on her way down from Alaska ports, after a fairly good passage, marked by northerly winds and intermittent snow squalls. She had 42 passengers in all, a majority from Juneau, a few from Atlin and a few from all from Dawson or other territorial points, the railway traffic having been for several days at a standstill just previous to her departure and the rotary plow out of service. It was understood that a large number of "inside" pilgrims had arrived at Bennett and were there awaiting the resumption of train service. The chief item of news that had filtered through to Skagway from the Far North was in connection with the location of a fine coal deposit on Rock creek, very near to the big gold yielding fields of Bonanza, Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion creeks. These coal mines are owned by the Alaska Exploration Company, of which R. D. Fulda is manager. Commissioned R. D. Fulda and Mr. F. X. Gosselin the public timbers agent, have made personal examinations of every tunnel and drift in the new mining and report that the field is exceedingly rich and the coal of highest quality. The lands comprise about 1,200 acres, some

10 miles from Dawson on the right or south fork of Rock creek, itself an affluent of the Klondike. The original locators were Charles R. McLeod, M. J. Gates, A. Gillis and M. Marsden, each of whom located and recorded 160 acres in November, 1898. The Alaska Exploration Company acquired the property from the locators and began its development in July, 1899, and this development work has been kept up in the face of most discouraging conditions, and necessarily with antiquated, if not obsolete, machinery. The number of men has been increased little by little until 35 are now steadily employed sinking the shaft deeper and getting out coal, with several dumps that represent between 350 and 400 tons each ready for the market. The mine is in charge of M. Marsden, with W. E. George as foreman and Wilfred George as outside manager. The company have at present driven through 800 feet of tunnelling in all, and shows up a good, permanent seam of coal that averages five feet in thickness, first grade lignite that equals in value and results two and a half cords of hardwood. The number of tests made in town and on the creeks show it to rate first class for steaming purposes, while the coal quality is improving with every foot sunk and the miners have now reached a point where the coal is practically free from frosts. In the tunnelling, the men have driven through over 200 feet of solid coal, with drifts covering over 90 feet, also in solid coal, the coal already in sight aggregating upwards of 8,000 tons. Skagway, according to the Cottage City's passenger list, is again enjoying the advantages of a largely increased transient business, many of the moving throng being epithet with being on their way to Nome by the river route—25 per cent., according to one traffic authority, Acting General Agent Wilson of the W. P. & Y. railway. He estimates that one-fourth of the people now going north via Skagway are destined for the new American gold fields at the mouth of the great northern waterway; while Canadian Customs Inspector Busby concurs. The greater part of the freight for Dawson and points beyond is at present going around by way of the Tagish, the road—since the trail has been broken—being fairly good, and the in-bound argonauts preferring to travel the few extra miles rather than pay the charge prevailing on the cut-off, unless they are in a hurry or going in light. The Dyea trail is at present being repaired, and the miners are already discussing the result of the spring clean-up, which it is generally anticipated will quite equal if not exceed that of last year.

NOTES OF THE WATER FRONT.

Pleasant Steamer Reaches Puget Sound

—The Health Situation at Angeles Improved.

The business men interested in the voyage of the British ship Kirkhill from Victoria to Liverpool with salmon, have learned with satisfaction of her arrival at her destination, the run to the old land having been made in 124 days from port to port. The Kirkhill left there in October last, under engagement to Roht, Ward & Co., Ltd., and Bell-Irving & Co., of Vancouver, and 124 days at the season of the year in which the trip was made is regarded as decidedly good.

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